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HONGKONG, December 22nd, 1900

THE state of affairs described by the Inspection Committee, consisting of Messrs. E. Osborne and J. McKie, at the time of their visit to Wanchai on the 4th instant, was called by Major Brown at Thursday's meeting of the Sanitary Board "painful," and no one, we imagine, will quarrel with this use of the epithet. The overcrowding of the City and the increase of rents have long been subjects of discussion in Hongkong, but the question, as is only natural, has been chiefly regarded from the point of view of Europeans of small means. On them no doubt the inconveniences and hardships of the conditions now prevailing fall with especial force, and it is from them that complaints have mainly come. The poorer Chinese, however, have not been less affected by the changes which have come about in the price of living, but with their national disregard for what foreigners esteem comforts they have left their state to be discovered by the Inspectors. By this we do not mean that they have not asked, and obtained, rises in wages on account of the dearness of food; but they have allowed the squalor and congestion of their home surroundings to grow worse and worse. Messrs. Osborne and McKie remark that the upward tendency of rents continues, and until relief is provided there is little hope of any real or lasting improvement in the sanitary condition of our slums. The instances which they give of prevailing conditions are indeed unpleasant to read. The conclusion at which they arrive, put in their own words, is:—"The whole town east and west, go where you will, appears to be more overcrowded every day, and high rents, congested streets, polluted drains, filth and plague, point with unmistakable warning to the great need that exists for more space, more room for expansion." This opinion will be endorsed—is already held—by every sensible man in the Colony. But expansion takes time. Hongkong has been talking of expansion for a considerable period now, but we see no steps being taken to force the question forward. The Government alone can act in the matter, but it rests with others to make this subject of overcrowding what it ought to be, the subject of the day. During the years 1894, 1896, 1898—1900, we have had

to combat epidemics of plague which carried off an average of between one and two thousand persons per annum. It may be remembered that a little over a year ago the question came up at the Legislative Council whether overcrowding had much to do with plague mortality, and it then appeared from statistics that the most overcrowded districts were not those in which the plague deaths reached the highest average. We remarked then that for the purposes of the enquiry comparisons between the different districts were likely to prove misleading and that, with the population moving freely about the city, the exposure to infection was scattered over the whole. No one can deny that overcrowding leads to insanitary conditions; and that there is an intimate connection between plague and dirt, as indeed there is between most other diseases and dirt, there seems no room for doubt. In Nallah Lane, one of the streets mentioned in Messrs. Osborne's and McKie's report, five plague cases occurred this year; in another, Wing Fung Street, twelve. An examination of Dr. Clark's report on this year's epidemic will reveal how many cases occurred in the immediate neighbourhood of the squalid and ill-ventilated places visited by the Inspection Committee on the 4th instant. Amid a great diversity of opinion on matters connected with bubonic plague, there is at least an agreement of opinion that abundance of fresh air is one of the best preventives. It is always in the slums that that grip of the epidemic is so difficult to shake off, in whatever part of the world it takes hold. Now it is no doubt Utopian to imagine that we can ever make our poor Chinese population live in really well-ventilated buildings. But we can in time secure a tolerable state of affairs. Not, however, within our present area. The population has outgrown that; by how much the approaching Census will show accurately. The remedy lies in expansion; but in expanding we cannot drive the workmen to live at a greater distance from their work without giving them facilities for getting to and from it quickly. In other words, as the suburbs extend some means of transit from them to the centre of the city must accompany the extension. No other sanitary improvements can do more than tinker with the question. We trust that the Sanitary Board will not let this all-important subject rest. There is far more good work to be done here than in the discussion of some points which occupy much of the Board's time. Moreover, many of the minor problems of expansion that they can really be cured.

The Tientsin Amateur Dramatic Club is preparing to perform Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*.

On our fifth page to-day we publish the first part of a special article on "After the Famine in India," by the Rt. Hon. Sir Richard Temple.

The British hospital ship *Carthage* returned from Calcutta yesterday, and the German cruiser *Kaiserin Augusta* arrived from Tsing-tao.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, the Hon. Treasurer of the Seamen's Church and Mission Fund, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following further subscriptions:—
The Rev. E. F. Cobbold, M. A. £25.
His Honour Sir John Carrington £20.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the advertisement of Mr. I. M. Lago in another column. This artist is the possessor of credentials extolling his abilities in his profession, and intending pupils should make early application to secure his services.

The Japanese *Shimpo* learns that a native diving contractor, K. Sato, has signed a contract to raise the Norwegian steamer *Calanda* as she lies sunk at the entrance to the harbor. The diver expects to complete the task within the short period of one month.

A Japanese contemporary says:—Japan has refused to join the Treaty Powers in prohibiting the import into China of firearms and war materials. In view of the large export of sulphuric acid from Japan, this decision is hailed with the utmost satisfaction by the manufacturers and exporters of the acid.

The Band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The programme will be:—
March "Soldiers of the Guard," Lovey Overture "Light Cavalry," Jones Selection "The Geisha," Jones Selection "Cavalleria Rusticana," Jones Selection "Pirates of Penzance," Sullivan Dance "Desdemona," Jones Extra.
Polacca "Picnic," Green "God save the Queen."

The Secretary of State has sanctioned the addition of 504 horses to the establishment of Artillery in India to be distributed in the proportion of 22 additional horses to each of the six R. H. A. and 21 to each of the R. F. A. batteries. Three hundred will be purchased this year at an estimated cost of two and three quarter lakhs of rupees, and the remainder next year. The recruitment of one hundred men per Infantry Battalion in China is sanctioned, also ten per cent. on the peace strength of the cavalry regiments and (except companies, the estimated cost being two lakhs initial and four lakhs recurring.

The Government of Burma proposes starting shortly an extensive rubber plantation on King's Island, the principal island of the Mergal Archipelago.

The Government of India have decided to bear all charges connected with the despatch of the Indian contingent to the Australian Commonwealth celebrations.

A sort of Christmas consignment of Australian beef is now en route from Brisbane to Manila in the transport *Glacier* for the U. S. bluejackets on that station.

Captains C. K. Busher and C. F. L. Mullikin, R.G.A., have arrived in Singapore from India and Hongkong respectively, and have been taken on the strength of the command.

A Calcutta telegram of the 6th inst. says:—The following are the final entries for the Viceroy's Cup:—*Brave Himalayas*, *Up-Guard*, *Gulabur* and *Influence*, all belonging to the Maharajah of Jodhpore, and *Simon*, belonging to Mr. Apear.

The enterprise of Ceylon planters is against show by the fact that the Planters' Association there have just voted a sum of £3,000 to Mr. William Mackenzie for the purpose of pushing and advertising Ceylon tea in America next year, and a similar sum to Mr. Renton for the same purpose on the Continent of Europe.

The Amir of Afghanistan, in an autograph letter received by Sir Aquila Martin at Calcutta, makes the following reference to the Transvaal War:—"It is matter for great congratulation to know that success has attended the British arms and how bravely the British have fought. It is also a happy thing to see that the Transvaal has been subdued and their pride broken."

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Whyte of Raeb have arrived at Singapore on their way to Australia on a holiday. Mr. J. Eglinton, so long associated with Raeb and other enterprises, mining and pearling, in this part of the world, carries on administrative duties at Raeb during the absence of the Mine Manager, Mr. Whyte. All goes well at Raeb, says the *S. F. Press*, and the fact that Mr. Whyte considers himself able to take leave is the best possible sign that everything is running smoothly.

For the use of the German troops in China the German Government has ordered ten thousand head of live cattle from Brisbane shippers, who are executing the deal with something like "extra despatch." Within a few days of the receipt of the order the *s.s. Den of Atride* left Brisbane for Taku, and she was quickly followed by the *s.s. Boveca* and the *s.s. Montecarlo*, so that the German soldiers in North China will have plenty of "good cheer" at Christmas tide.

The championship tournament at the Sta. Paolo Chess Club, and says:—Craig wins the championship with 7½ points, the highest possible being 9, Miles coming next with 7 points. Speaking from a general point of view, the result is very satisfactory, as it breaks up the monotony of one player winning over time. Craig is to be congratulated on his success, which it would be foolish to attribute to luck only, the true explanation of it being his work and hard study of the intricacies of the game.

Sir John Murray, the scientist, arrived at Singapore on the 9th inst. from Christmas Island. Sir John, who is chairman of the Christmas Island Phosphate Co., was part of the expedition which took part in the Challenger expedition in 1872-76, which undertook the exploration of the physical and biological conditions of the great ocean basins. In the return of the expedition he was appointed first assistant of the staff charged with publishing the scientific results of the expedition. He has since taken part in several deep-sea exploring expeditions, and is author of many scientific works. He was made a K.C.B. in 1898, and he has half-a-dozen other titles after him, including that rare distinction, a Prussian Order Pour le Mérite.

A recent issue of the *Gazette* of the Government of India gives the following additional appointments to the Staff of the Expedition Force:—Captain G. W. Jones, 3rd Punjab Cavalry, to be Provost Marshal, Tientsin. Captain B. L. Bow, 9th Buffs Cavalry, to be Headquarters Camp Commandant in addition to his duties as Provost Marshal. Captain A. W. S. Wingate, 1st Buffs Cavalry, to be Special Service Officer, Intelligence Work, with the status of a Major. Captain MacC. R. E. Ray, 7th Buffs Cavalry, Field Intelligence Officer, to be a Major. Lines of Communication, Tientsin. Captain G. F. S. Menzies, 1st Chinese Regt., to be D. A. Q. M. G. Lines of Communication, Tientsin. Lieutenant B. F. R. Hogg, 26th Bombay Infantry, to be Field Troop Officer, Peking. Brevet Major J. Scott, D. S. O., 1st Sikh Infantry, to be Commandant, Lines of Communication, Tientsin. Lieutenant E. C. Creagh, 4th Punjab Infantry, Adjutant, Native Base Depot, Peking. Staff Officer, 2nd class, Western Division, to be other duties. Colonel L. Campbell, Base Commandant in charge of Communications, to be General Communications. Lieutenant Colonel J. H. H. 1st Bombay Infantry, to be Adjutant, Base Commandant, Lines of Communication.

LATEST STEAMER MONTE.

The E. & A. steamer *Guthrie*, Sydney, etc., left Port Darwin yesterday for this port.
The O.P.R. steamer *Empire* China arrived at Kobe at 8.30 p.m. on the 20th inst., and left again at midnight for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 2 a.m. on Monday, the 24th inst.

TELEGRAMS

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

SHANGHAI, 21st December, 9.19 p.m.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Sheng declares that the peace negotiations are making no progress.

AN UNLIKELY STORY.

A doubtful rumour at Shanghai states that a French force is preparing to make a descent on Hankow from the north.

REPORTED MAHOMMEDAN RISING.

The *Universal Gazette* states that forty thousand Mahomedans have raised a rebellion in Kansu against the Manchus.

LONDON, 20th December, 6.15 p.m.

A DELAY AT PEKING—CAUSED BY TELEGRAPH.

A Washington despatch reports that the delay in negotiations at Peking was due to a telegraphic error in Mr. Conger's instructions from Mr. Hay. The misunderstanding has now been rectified.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 20th December, 6.15 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN MINISTRY TO BE FORMED.

Lord Hopetoun has requested the Premier of New South Wales to form a Federal Ministry for the new Australian Commonwealth.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 19th December.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

France restores to China everything taken by French soldiers except war material.

SPEECH BY LORD SALISBURY.

Lord Salisbury at the Conservative Union said that, speaking at a time of some anxiety and without knowing exactly what had taken place, the glory of our Empire rested on the issue of a great enterprise in which England

LORD ROBERTS' RETURN.

The proposed service at St. Paul's on the return of Lord Roberts has been abandoned and the thanksgiving service deferred, until the operations in South Africa are concluded.

NORTHERN NOTES.

The following items are from the *P. & T. Times* of the 8th inst.:

The railway to Chingwang-tao is expected to be open about the 15th instant.

The natives in Peking are not a little astonished at the manoeuvres carried on by the foreign balloon corps.

We learn that Chang Yen-mah, who is still in Peking with Li Hung-chang, is in frequent communication with Tung and Tuan.

On dit that the Russians are really going to hand over the railway to the Germans on the 1st of the Russian New Year.

The last river trip from Tangku to Tientsin with cargo was made on Thursday, and the lighters are now being docked for the season.

Jung Lu, on reaching the Court, although he strongly opposed the policy of having supported the Boxers, urged the Court not to return to Peking while the foreign troops were there in such force.

The line to Peking may be open for limited traffic in a few days. An engine is shortly to be sent over the line to test it. Trains will probably not run with their former speed or frequency, but it will be a great thing to have the line open at all.

News is reported of a large Chinese force on the borders of southern Chihli. Some say the troops are Chang Chi-tung's, but for what purpose they appear here is unknown. Others affirm that they are Yuan Shih-kai's, commanded by himself and Gen. Ma.

Tientsin residents were startled about 4.30 on Monday morning by a loud explosion, apparently some three or four miles distant. Subsequent investigation showed that two coolies had somehow ignited a quantity of gunpowder at the East Arsenal, where the Russian camp is, and both were blown to pieces. By some it is thought to have been accidental; others think it was intentional, but if so, the effects must have been characterized by a touch of premeditation.

From private Peking advices we learn the "Mahomedans to the West and North" are in open revolt against the Government. The Empress Dowager and her outfit were compelled to fall back towards Taiyuanfa, so she is now between two fires, the old lady will no doubt be in Taiyuanfa in a few days. Chinese rebellion in Szechuan is spreading, and the country, as I might say the people, are dividing up in three lots, Mahomedan, Cantonese, and the Dowager's bunch. According to Chinese reports here, the Dowager Empress, if not protected by foreigners, will soon be at the mercy of the Mahomedans.

Ex-Taipei Tan Wen-hsin, who was among the officials seized and condemned by the military at Peking, was brought in here under a strong German guard on the 3rd inst., and marched through the Settlements. He was executed outside the North Gate of Tientsin City at 11 o'clock on the 7th, having been previously paraded before his countrymen as a condemned man. He was jauntily indifferent up to the last, and made some offers of £5,000 if persons would get him released. Documentary proof was found in the Yamen that he had acted as paymaster to the Boxers at one time, and he is known to have taken a very active part in the "proceedings" generally while in Peking, his fresh memory was furthering of his well-developed anti-foreign sentiments.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 21st December.

Before Mr. KEMP.

ALLEGED SERIOUS THEFT.

A Chinese "boy" in the service of a European family was charged with stealing from a bag in the Hongkong Regiment barracks to the value of \$347. He pleaded not guilty.

The complainant deposed that he was standing at a money-changer's in Queen's Road Central, getting notes for silver pieces. He received three \$100 notes, two \$10 notes, five \$5 notes, and two \$1 notes; he put the money, which represented loot taken at Tientsin, into his waistcoat pocket, and walked away with his friends. At a shop not far from the money-changer's one of them stopped to bargain for something, and a crowd of Chinese gathered round. Complainant felt a hand slipped into his pocket and the money, which was rolled in a handkerchief, extracted. He wheeled round, and saw a Chinaman—the defendant—running away. A friend of the complainant took up the pursuit and caught the defendant, who threw the money away. The handkerchief, however, was found inside his jacket.

Defendant said the handkerchief belonged to himself and was used for the purpose of carrying provisions.

A seaman in the Australian naval contingent gave corroborative evidence. He was along with the complainant and his friends, and heard the former "sing out" that his money was gone. Witness then saw the defendant running away and being captured.

A private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers said he saw the defendant, dodging round the crowd, with a white handkerchief in his hand. He handed the handkerchief, which apparently contained notes and some silver, over the counter of the money-changer's shop. The man behind the counter took the handkerchief, shook its contents out, and handed it back to the defendant, who shoved the handkerchief inside his jacket, where it was found when he was caught and searched.

Inspector Warnock explained to the bench that Inspector Cuthbertson had been down to the shop and searched it, but found nothing in the way of notes.

The case was adjourned till Monday first at ten o'clock, pending the appearance in court of the Chinaman who is alleged to have received the notes.

FASINATED COURTSHIP MONEY.

The police are taking active steps to suppress an evil that is developing to a serious extent in the colony—the fencing and passing of bad money, presumably by a gang or gangs of counterfeits. As matters at present stand, it is an absolute necessity, when one is receiving change, no matter from whom, to examine every coin, especially ten and twenty-cent pieces, with a view to testing its genuineness, and even then, so clever are the counterfeiters—differing almost in no essential from good money—the chances are, that one is deceived and comes away in possession of the very coins one has been seeking to avoid. However, in view of the attitude of the authorities, there is every reason to hope for an amelioration of the evil, and the extension of this very evil will, it is believed, be the other day arrested one of these counterfeiters, a man named Tan Ku U, on a charge of tendering and passing two hundred Kwangtung Province counterfeit twenty-cent pieces. These were bought by an informer, who, for \$20, received from the counterfeiters coins to the face value of \$40.

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ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

A Chinaman was charged with attempted burglary at Ravenshill West, Upper Richmond Road, the residence of one Mr. Ralph.

It transpired from the evidence, that early yesterday morning the occupants of the house were roused by hearing shots fired. A search revealed the fact that the dining-room, to which access was gained by the window, had been visited by thieves. Mr. Ralph and another gentleman who lives in the house saw three men skulking in the vicinity, and gave chase, being assisted by an Indian constable who was stationed but close attracted by the noise of the shots. No one was discovered, however, and to apprise the police of the affair, Mr. Ralph gave the constable a call for Inspector Baker. The man left, but presently remembered that he had left behind a few things—shoes, a chopper, etc.—that might prove handy in the way of evidence. He returned to the house, but by a different way, and stumbled across a man lying on the ground a few yards from Mr. Ralph's residence. The man was lame, evidently from a fall or a jump, and unable to walk, but the constable, having secured what he had returned for, shouldered him off to No. 7 Police Station. The prisoner was sent to hospital and guarded there till nine o'clock, when, having sufficiently recovered, he was taken before the magistrate.

His Worship expressed the opinion that the defendant was one of a gang of burglars, and that he had sprained his ankle in jumping from the verandah to make his escape. The sentence would be four months' hard labour.

BEFORE MR. KEMP.

ALLEGED BREACH OF QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

Edward Frederick Stowell, master of the steamer *Siam*, was charged with neglecting to go into quarantine in Victoria Harbour after a voyage from Singapore, a port infected with contagious disease. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. Gedge.

Acting-Sergeant Burchall gave evidence for the prosecution, stating that the *Siam*, on arriving in the harbour here from Singapore, did not fly the quarantine flag, and went to her usual anchorage.

Mr. Gedge contended that there had been no breach of the quarantine regulations. The *Siam*, after clearing from Singapore, steamed to Bangkok, where she discharged her cargo and lay altogether three days. That was the point he wished to particularly press upon, his worship—the ship lay at Bangkok for three days, where the voyage terminated; thence she proceeded to Hongkong. Witnesses would be called to prove this.

The chief officer of the *Siam* said they cleared from Singapore on 1st December, and arrived in Bangkok on the 6th, where they discharged the cargo and lay for three days. Witness was not aware that the Hongkong quarantine regulations were published in Singapore before they left that port. The *Siam* arrived at Hongkong on the 18th December, at 5.30.

The defendant was then sworn, and gave evidence on his own behalf, corroborating what the chief officer had said. In answer to the bench, he stated that he himself took all possible care to be fully informed as to the quarantine regulations existing in ports of call and destination, but he neither saw nor heard from his agents at Bangkok of any such regulations as affecting Hongkong. He did not know when he left Singapore that he was to go to Hongkong, and only learned of it at Bangkok.

Judgment was reserved till this morning at half-past nine o'clock.

BELLHOS PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Bellhos Public School for Girls, Hollywood Road, took place yesterday at noon. The interior of the premises had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and plants. There was a large attendance of the parents and friends of the scholars. Mrs. Lockhart was present for the purpose of distributing the prizes, and she was accompanied by her husband, the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary). Mr. A. J. May, Acting Chief Master of Queen's College, performed the duties of Chairman, and he was assisted by Mrs. Bateman (the Head Mistress) and Mrs. Tatcher (Assistant Mistress). Mr. J. Dyer Ball and W. J. Tatcher were also present. To begin with, an interesting programme was gone through by the scholars. Dumb-bell and other exercises were admirably executed under the conductress of Sergeant J. Jones, Miss Kileen Chanayut presiding at the piano. Miss Kitty Moore recited:—"The mouse and the cake," and Miss Irene Coleman "Ella and the univels." A duet on the piano—A Spanish dance by Moszkowski—was contributed by Misses King and Hunter, who acquitted themselves very well and were warmly applauded for their performance. Subsequently Mrs. Lockhart was presented with a beautiful bouquet of red and white roses and maiden-hair fern, tied with pink and white ribbon, the bouquet being handed to Mrs. Lockhart by Miss Irene Coleman.

Mr. A. J. May said:—Mrs. Bateman, the Head Mistress, wishes me to make a few remarks for her on the working of the school. The total number on the roll for this year is 192, and the average daily attendance is 149. Of this number 101, including 49 boys, belong to the Infant Department. Mrs. Bateman returned from England and resumed her duties as Head Mistress on 5th October. Mrs. Tatcher acting as Head Mistress during her absence. The school was examined on the 18th, 19th, and 20th July by the Inspector of Schools, from whose report the following is culled:—"The Head Mistress and the Assistant Teachers are to be congratulated on the result of the examination. After three annual examinations I can confidently say that the Government has every reason to be satisfied with the school. Not only is the general tone excellent, and the behaviour of the pupils good, but a sound and thorough elementary education is also given. The school is divided into an Upper and Junior School. The Junior School, consisting of three classes, is in charge of Mrs. Tatcher, when the Head Mistress is in the Colony. At present (July) Miss K. Turner is in charge, and the infant class is being taught by Miss Olson, a temporary teacher. During the year classes I and II have been taught by Mrs. Tatcher, classes III and IV by Miss Olson, classes V and VI by Miss Turner. To present the whole time of the Head Mistress is taken up with teaching. This prevents her from exercising the general supervision which she ought to have over the rest of the school. I do not think that more than half the time of a Head Master or Mistress ought to be taken up with class teaching, and I hope that when occasion arises the services of another trained European teacher will be obtained for the school. The state of the Junior School reflects great credit on Mrs. Tatcher and Miss Olson, as they have been working throughout the year without having the benefit of continuous European supervision. Miss Olson has proved herself a competent teacher, and the efficiency of the infant class is higher than it has been for the last two years. Some of the boys appeared likely to be very troublesome at times, and I have suggested to the Head Mistress that as the school is a girls' school, and that boys ought not to be permitted to hamper the work of the school in the slightest degree, but would be removed from school if they are making no progress."

Mr. Bateman trusts that this much of the Inspector of Schools' report will be sufficient to show that a good and sound work is being done in the institution. That portion of the report which mentions the necessity of another trained European teacher, she heartily endorses, and states that the Government will see its way to supply that necessary want without delay—a matter which she will mention in her report. The school is to be congratulated on having one of its pupils an Associate in Arts of the University of Oxford, viz. Miss Ethel Long, who is the first pupil of this school who has gained the title of A.A. Miss Long has had the whole of her education in this school. On account of excavations and building operations going on below the playground has been in an unfit condition, at least as a tennis court, for some time, and it is to be hoped that the contractor will soon remove the heap of sand, etc., and put it once more into a useful and fit condition. Physical drill has also been carried on throughout the year with what success you have already had an opportunity of judging. I will now ask Mrs. Stewart Lockhart to be kind enough to give away the prizes.

The prizes were then distributed as below:—
EXGLISH DIVISION. 1st CLASS.
Composition—Nellie Olson. Girls' Own Annual.
Arithmetic—Alice Lebbell, Blotter.
Grammar—Lily Song, Book.
Reading—Lily King, Book.
Geography—Lily Song, Scent bottle.
History—Nellie Olson, Scent bottle.
Map Drawing—Kitty Abraham, Book.
Distinctions in all subjects—Lily Song, Book.

2nd CLASS.
Composition—Sarah Lee, Book.
Arithmetic—Alice Lebbell, Book.
Grammar—Sarah Lee, Pen.
Geography—Maggie Peterson, Ink bottle.
History—Myra Chinn Yut, Book.
Map Drawing—Sarah Lee, Ink bottle.
Application—Fatima Mahomed, Box.

3rd CLASS.
1st—Florence Lambert, Book.
2nd—Hannah Moore, Glove box.
3rd—Ada Angar, Penel.
4th—Louisa Silas, Blotter.

4th CLASS.
1st—Martha Peterson, Work box.
2nd—Mary Chan, Case of Scent.
3rd—Eliza Hyndman, Book.
4th—Ida Noma, Book.

5th CLASS.
1st—Annie Lebbell, Paint book and Box.
2nd—Rebecca Silas, Paint book and Box.
3rd—Doris Chanayut, Paint book and Box.
4th—Sophie Joseph, Penel box.

6th CLASS.
1st—Bertha Lee, Book.
2nd—Martha Kie and Rachel Levi, Dolls.
3rd—Clara Goldenberg, Penel box.

7th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

8th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

9th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

10th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

11th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

12th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

13th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

14th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

15th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

16th CLASS.
1st—Alice Lee, Case of Scent.
2nd—Alice Lee, Penel box.
3rd—Alice Lee, Penel box.

FOOTBALL.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1900.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

THE following are the dates fixed for the PERFORMANCES of "HIS EXCELLENCY."

MONDAY, 11th February, 1901.
TUESDAY, 12th " "
WEDNESDAY, 13th " "
THURSDAY, 14th " "
FRIDAY, 15th " "
SATURDAY, 16th " "
SUNDAY, 17th " "

A further announcement as regards dates for Booking will be made later.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3235]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 22nd inst., at 2.45 p.m.
Range—600, 700 and 800 yards.
Seven shots and one sighter.
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE.
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [93]

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LD. IN LIQUIDATION.

A MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, 29th of December, at 11.45 A.M., to receive the Final Statement of Accounts of the Liquidator.

L. LAMBERT.
Liquidator.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3233]

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LD. INCORPORATED 1898.

THE SECOND GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, 29th of December, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 30th of September, 1900, with the Report of the Directors.

LUTGENS, EINSTMAN & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3234]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship
"SAMBIA,"
Captain Schmidt, will leave for the above ports TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m.
For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3232]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship
"YUENSHANG,"
Captain Relfe, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th inst., at 4 p.m.
This steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, is fitted throughout with Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3238]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SAMBIA,"
Captain Schmidt, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m. TO-DAY, the 21st inst.
Any Cargo awaiting her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3231]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS is now ready and contains:—

Leading Articles:—
Pacification and Peace Negotiations in the North.
The Policy of Persistence in China.
The Chinese and Respect for Antiquity.
The French in Swatow Neighbourhood.
The Progress of the Concert.
The Nightmares of Imperialism.
The Crisis: Telegrams.
Legislative Council.
Sanitary Board.
The Crisis in China.
The Navy League.
Tactical Exercises in the New Territory.
Murderous Assault at Shatin.
Occasional Notes.
Count von Waldsee and the Chinese Representatives.
The Japanese Navy.
Canton.
Manila.
Fochow.
Chungking.
Correspondence.
Fund in Aid of Sufferers from the Typhoon.
Seamen's Church Mission and Fund.
The Italian Convent.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co.
Supreme Court.
Cricket.
Football.
Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.
Boxing Tournament at the Theatre.
Hockey.
Hongkong Volunteer Corps.
Present Needs in the Philippines.
Wife Murder at Manila.
Hongkong and Port News.
Subscription, \$12 per Annum, payable in advance; postage, 32.
Extra copies 30 cents each, Cash.
Copies can be posted from the Office to addresses sent; including postage 84 cents each, or \$1 for three copies Cash.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3070]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Administrator to sell by Public Auction,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE ESTATES OF THE LATE MIESES LAURA MOUNCFORT and RUBY DWYER, WILLIAM HENRY JACKSON, DAN HAYWOOD, EBERHARD KHAN, KAISER EINHOF, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 22nd December, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, Lee House Street,
SUNDY GOODS AND EFFECTS,
Comprising:
SUNDY CLOTHING, TRAVELLING BAGS, CAMPHOR-WOOD TRUNKS, One SEXTANT, One TELESCOPE, &c., &c.
Also
2 DIAMOND RINGS and a quantity of GOLD and SILVER JEWELRY.
TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3236]

THE NAGASAKI ROLLER FLOUR MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Holmes, Ringer and Company, the General Managers, on MONDAY, the 14th day of January, 1901, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the subjoined resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 20th day of December, 1900, will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution, "That the Company be wound up voluntarily."

Should the resolution be confirmed, a further resolution will be proposed at the same meeting for the appointment of Frederick Ringer to be Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.
By Order of the General Managers,
H. U. JEFFRIES,
Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3237]

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

CHARLIE ELLA
TAYLOR CARRINGTON
Two of the most talented and unquestionably the two most versatile artists that have ever visited the East.
Supported by their capable
DRAMATIC & LYRIC CO.
TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), 22nd Dec.
3rd SPECIAL PERFORMANCE.
Production of the beautiful High-class Emotional Drama
"BARNES OF NEW YORK."
Under the Patronage of
MR. ROOSEVELT WILDMAN, M.A.,
Consul-General for the United States of America.
Admission Rates—\$3, \$2 and \$1.
Military and Naval men in Uniform half-price to Second and Back Seats.
Reserve Plan at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.
Special Terms for Theatre Parties over 5 in number.
Doors Open 8.15. Overture 9 o'clock.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE TAYLOR-CARRINGTON HOLIDAY SEASON PERFORMANCES

will commence on THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.
First production in China of the immensely successful Musical Extravaganza
"TONY TOMMY ATKINS."
Played by the T.C.C. throughout India over 200 times.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3177]

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

THE THIRD SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT

ARRANGED BY
MESSRS. ALEC MARSH & A. G. WARD,
will be given on
THURSDAY,
27th DECEMBER, at NINE P.M.
MESSRS. MARSH and WARD will be assisted by the Leading Local Amateurs and their Pupils.
Prices: Reserved Seats, \$3; Unreserved, \$1.
Plan of the Hall at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3229]

PUBLIC COMPANY

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING & DYING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 4, Foddor Street, Victoria, Hongkong, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 22nd December, 1900, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed:—
Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

"That the following Section be substituted for Section 2 of Article XVI, namely:—
"2.—The General Managers may from time to time advance and lend for the purposes of the Company such monies as they may think necessary or desirable, at such rate of interest, and upon such terms as they may think fit, but so that the total amount for the time being so advanced and lent shall not at any one time exceed the sum of Two Millions of Dollars. All advances and Loans which up to the date hereof have been made by the General Managers for the purposes of the Company are hereby agreed to and confirmed, and shall be deemed to be, and shall be part of, and included in the said sum of Two Millions of Dollars, and as security for the said sum of Two Millions of Dollars and every part thereof the General Managers may from time to time mortgage or charge all or any of the Company's Property, Lands, Stock-in-trade, Machinery, Goods, Chattels and Effects."
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3068]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Nos. 12 and 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of December, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 24th day of December, 1900, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased by the creation and issue of 60,000 New Ordinary Shares of \$10 each, with the sum of \$8 paid up on each, and that the Directors be empowered and authorised to accept surrenders of the present 60,000 Ordinary Shares of the Company of \$8 each on which the sum of \$8 each has been paid up, and that one New Share of \$10, with the sum of \$8 paid up thereon, be given in lieu of and in exchange for each old share of \$8 fully paid up, and that thereupon the said old shares be cancelled.
2.—That of the remaining \$2 payable in respect of each of the New Shares, the sum of \$1 be paid on the surrender of the old share, and that the residue be (if necessary) called up and paid at such times and in such instalments as the Board may determine.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1900. [3110]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TEAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 27th day of December, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1900.
The TRAMWAY BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 29th inst., both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1900. [3137]

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 1, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 31st day of December, 1900, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the undermentioned Resolutions will be submitted to the meeting.

Should these Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS.

1.—That the following Article be inserted after Article 6, namely:
"6. The Directors may issue Certificates for fractions of Shares, and provide for the Exchange of such fractional Certificates, amounting to a whole Share or number of Shares for Certificates of a whole Share or Shares."
2.—That in Article 11 the figures "1,000" be substituted for the figures "1,000."
3.—That the existing Shares in the Capital, namely 12,500 fully paid up Shares of \$125 each, be subdivided into 31,250 fully paid up Shares of \$4 each.
4.—That in Article 47 the figures "10,000" be substituted for the figures "2,500."
5.—That in Article 53 the words "Four Thousand" be substituted for the words "One Thousand."
6.—That in Article 62 the words "for every complete additional number of Forty Shares" be substituted for the words "for every complete additional number of 40 Shares."
7.—That in Article 71 the words "more than twelve or less than six" be substituted for the words "more than nine or less than four."
8.—That in Article 73 the words "two hundred" be substituted for the word "fifty."
9.—That in Article 98 the words "and bonuses" be deleted, and that at the end of the same Article there be added the following paragraph, namely:
"The Directors may also, with the consent of, and in such manner, and upon such conditions, and at such times as shall be authorised by Shareholders in meeting, employ the Reserve Fund for the time being, or any part thereof, in the payment of a bonus or bonuses to Shareholders in respect of every Share and fraction of a Share."
By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [3205]

TEBRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL CALL of \$1.00 per Share, made PAYABLE at this Office on the 6th October, 1900, on Shares numbered—
10901—11000
11286—11385
11536—11585
11786—11885
14386—14485
must be Paid to the undersigned at the Office of the Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 2nd day of January, 1901, and Notice is also given that in the event of non-payment of such Call at the Office of the Company aforesaid, on or before the said 2nd day of January, 1901, the above-mentioned Shares will be liable to be FORFEITED.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [3204]

TACK CHONG LOONG, NAVY & MILITARY TAILOR, DRAFTER AND OUTFITTER.

Garments made by hand, guaranteed perfect fit. Hats, Shirts, Socks, Silk Handkerchiefs, Boots, Shoes, &c., for Sale. New and Fashionable Goods. Prices very moderate.
No. 65, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 18th October, 1900. [2562]

EYE-SIGHT.

MR. N. LAZARUS,
Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at 16, Queen's Road Central (R. HOUGHTON & Co.) (Nearly opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).
Business Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.
Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.
Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.
ADVICE FREE. [3126]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from T. G. HUGHES, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,
THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 22nd December, at 2 p.m. Sharp, within his residence, the "Grove" and "Beryl," Robinson Road, Kowloon.
Double and Single IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELED GLASS, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, OVERMANTLES, VIENNA CHAIRS, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS, TOILET TABLES, ICE CHEST, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, DINNER SERVICE, CARPETS, RUGS, &c., &c.
Catalogues can be had on application to the undersigned.
TERMS:—As Usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1900. [3214]

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

situate in Ship Street, Kowloon.
TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 22nd December, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, at his Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, by Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Lot 1.—ALL THAT PIECE OF GROUND intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section A of Inland Lot No. 602, containing an Area of 983 square feet with the Buildings thereon No. 42, Ship Street. Proportion of Annual Crown Rent \$10.02.

Lot 2.—ALL THAT PIECE OF GROUND intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section B of Inland Lot No. 602, Area of 932 square feet. Buildings No. 44, Ship Street. Proportion of Annual Crown Rent \$9.49.

Lot 3.—ALL THAT PIECE OF GROUND intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section C of Inland Lot No. 602, Area of 932 square feet. Buildings No. 46, Ship Street. Proportion of Annual Crown Rent \$9.49.

Lot 4.—ALL THAT PIECE OF GROUND intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section D of Inland Lot No. 602, Area of 932 square feet. Buildings No. 48, Ship Street. Proportion of Annual Crown Rent \$9.49.

Lot 5.—ALL THAT PIECE OF GROUND intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section E of Inland Lot No. 602, Area of 932 square feet. Buildings No. 50, Ship Street. Proportion of Annual Crown Rent \$9.47.

Lot 6.—ALL THAT PIECE OF GROUND intended to be registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 602, Area of 984 square feet. Buildings No. 52, Ship Street. Proportion of Annual Crown Rent \$10.02.

All the above premises forming the whole of Inland Lot No. 602 are held from the Crown for the term of a term of 99 years. The monthly rent for each House is \$76 inclusive of taxes.
For Further Particulars, apply to—
C. EWENS,
Vendor's Solicitor,
or to
MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1900. [3166]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 670.
THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Office of the Public Works Department, on THURSDAY, the 27th day of DECEMBER, 1900, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [3215]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on THURSDAY, the 27th day of DECEMBER, 1900, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of Crown Land at Fuk Tin Heung, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the Queen for one further term of 75 years.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [3215]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Limited. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1900. [18]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12th NOVEMBER, 1896.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, Shanghai Tls. 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL " " 2,500,000
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Canton, Hankow, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Fochow, Swatow.

The Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities. Bills Discounted.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
At 2 1/2 per annum on Current Account daily balances.
3 1/2 per annum on Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 " " " 6 " "
5 " " " 12 " "
E. W. BUTTER,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [322]

THE BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED.

WORKING CAPITAL " " over £215,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS " " fully £425,000
2640,000

HEAD OFFICE.

36, Nicholas Lane, London.
BRANCHES:
Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore
AGENCIES:
Yokohama, Kobe, Penang, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Hongkong, Java, Lyons, and Paris.

BANKERS.

The Bank of England and the Capital and Counties Bank, Limited.
General Manager, F. C. BISHOP.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts " " 2 per cent.
Fixed Deposits " " 3 " "
Do " 6 " "
Do " 12 " "

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange on, and transmits general Banking business with the above places.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1900. [23]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL " " £1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL " " £243,374
RESERVE FUND " " £30,000
BANKERS:
HONGKONG JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months " " 3 1/2 %
" 6 " " " 4 %
" 12 " " " 5 %
J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1900. [30]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL " " £1,000,000
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BY
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Despite the gravest distractions in diverse and distant directions the public mind of England has for several months past been grievously affected by the famine in India. As this famine is not yet over, no man can say whether it will prove the worst among the famines known during this century. It may be worse before being ended, that is to say, perhaps it has not yet reached its worst, but at the best it must prove to be one of the severest known within this half century. In this case, as in several former cases, the Government is applying all its resources with all its mind to the mitigation of distress. So far is this principle carried that relief or succour is available to every man, woman or child who may require the same. But the word require is used in the strictest sense. The succour is at hand, but will every hungry or famishing individual apply for it? Some will languish at home, some will wander aimlessly about, some will in one way or another fail to apply till it is almost, if not quite, too late for the succour to be effectual. Thus it is not too much to say anyone who dies of starvation, does so through his or her own fault or neglect. However, the vast majority will apply in time, will be succoured, will be saved from death by starvation, but whether they will all be saved from death by sickness is quite another matter. An administration that may be all-powerful in the presence of famine may be baffled, if not helpless, in the presence of pestilence. Many an officer will have the chagrin as well as the pity to see those whom he has laboriously saved from famine succumb afterwards to epidemic.

The area of this dreadful distress is in some respects painfully normal, but in two respects at least it is abnormal, and indeed very exceptional. The disaster has befallen Western and Central India in the main, this area has ever been the unhappy hunting ground for the hordes of famine. The oft afflicted districts around and immediately beyond Delhi are again the subjects of affliction. In the Rajput states bordering on the great sandy desert, the harvests always precarious have once more been withered. The long-suffering districts of the Bombay Deccan, which have suffered as often as any districts in India, are again suffering.

On the other hand the rich districts of Gujarat on the coast above Bombay, which have a first rate climatic position and which hardly ever suffer, being blessed with an almost unending plenty, have this year been brushed by the wing of the destroyer. More strange still, the fair regions of Berar and the central provinces which for generations enjoyed immunity from famine have during this year figured in the dark catalogue. Hereofore the vapour masses from the Indian Ocean sweeping over the Indian continent, were in these provinces arrested in their course by the Santapra mountains, and thus were condensed into rain. Last monsoon, that is the monsoon of '99, these vapours must have failed to come, hence the drought and consequent distress.

The population of this famine area may be set down at over ninety millions, about one-third of the total population of the Indian Empire. A portion only of this, however, is really stricken even then, however, more than 5 per cent., perhaps 6 per cent., are downright hungry and are actually being sustained by Government aid. A much larger percentage of course is more or less distressed and embarrassed. The numbers of these cannot of course be exactly estimated but they must be very large. The loss of cattle from the drying up of pasturage must be enormous and incalculable.

Of the population afflicted, say from ninety to ninety-five millions, about half are in British territories, and are cared for with all the resources of civilisation. There might be more anxiety regarding the other half, who are in native states, still these native rulers have during the last half century learnt to follow British example in respect to famine relief, as in many other respects, and being naturally humane may be trusted to care fairly well for their people.

The nature of the relief afforded is of two kinds. First, that which is given gratuitously as the official phrase goes, that is to say, pure charity without any return in labour or otherwise. Secondly, that which is given in return for labour upon relief works, or in other words wages. Respecting the gratuitous relief, though there are several modes of affording it, yet no complication arises respecting its distribution. But as regards the relief works troublesome equal in severity to those of the famine itself, that is to say, where large multitudes are collected along a line of road or upon some other public work, epidemics of a deadly character occasionally arise, and the question must present itself to many a victim as to whether it would not have been better to die from the hunger than perish by the pestilence, the only difference would be that the pestilence is swift whereas the hunger would have been slow. The sanitary truth is somewhat in this wise. If a drought-stricken district happens to be somewhere within reach of mountains, whence

flows streams which are not wholly dried up even in time of drought, and if the relief works with their many camps are within walking distance, all may be well. The people receive their daily wage, and their daily dole they eat, and are satisfied, and they walk to the pure water to drink. But, alas! this is the very thing which but too often fails to happen. The same causes which have withered the fields will dry up the streams, and reduce them to the very minimum of water. The water in the wells gets lower and lower, the water in the tanks or artificial lakes is reduced to residuum. The people begin to grub for water in the sandy beds of rivers. It is all this that accounts for the outbreaks of cholera by which the public are shocked. From the same cause also will arise various other forms of epidemic sickness, to which within the last few years has been added the bubonic plague previously unknown. So bad has this become that some critics who think more perhaps of an evil itself than of any possible alternatives, have gone so far as to declare that the relief works sometimes become little more than scenes of death upon a vast scale. There is much melancholy truth in this case as in other extreme cases, and no doubt at the beginning of an onset of cholera or the like, it were better at once to break up the gangs of relief labourers at whatever sacrifice. The consequence would of course be that they would swell the list of the recipients of gratuitous relief. Possibly some critics might say, that under the conditions which unavoidably surround drought and famine, the gathering together of a large number of people, even though they be distributed over miles and miles of area, is so dangerous, so certainly provocative of deadly results, that it were better not to have relief works at all, except where the water supply is unquestionably good. On the other hand, such a conclusion cannot be pushed too far. To give relief wages to able bodied people for nothing, that is without any return in labour—which is the only return they can give—would be in common phrase to pauperise them. Few economists would recommend that wages should be dispensed on a vast scale without work, because the performance of such work might occasionally involve a risk of sickness. It is to be remembered that in drought-stricken districts where not only the granaries are empty but also the water is failing, cholera is apt to be at least sporadic anywhere and everywhere, even if it be not endemic. Thus with or without the assemblages on relief works, there is no escape from cholera, more or less. Therefore, as a rule, the authorities after anxious thought have generally decided that the risk must be run. Although this risk is not excessive, still it does aggravate the sum total of mortality in time of famine.

(To be concluded.)

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QUANG TRUONG WAN, & HOIHOW, &c.	KWIKIANG	Brit. str.	—	Outerbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
HAIPHONG	HUE	Fr. str.	—	Quinau	A. B. MARTY	On 28th inst., at 10 a.m.
MANILA	HAIRLOONG	Brit. str.	—	Bathurst	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA VIA AMOY	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA VIA AMOY	ESMERALDA	Brit. str.	—	G. T. Blackland	SHAW, WATSON & CO.	On 24th inst., at 5 p.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	Rolle	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 27th inst., at 4 p.m.
MANILA	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Nelson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at 4 p.m.
MANILA	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	—	A. Stewart	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th Jan.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	ARRATON APCAR	Brit. str.	—	A. Stewart	DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.	To-day, at 3 p.m.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 20, CLYDE, British steamer, 4,098, A. S. Valentini, Shanghai 18th Dec, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dec. 20, MIKOSAN MARU, Jap. str., 3,012, P. Hallstrom, Moji 15th Dec, Coal—M. B. KAISHA.

Dec. 21, HAIRLOONG, British str., 783, H. Bathurst, Swatow 20th Dec, General—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.

Dec. 21, LOONGMOON, German steamer, 1,345, Knoop, Canton 20th Dec, General—EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.

Dec. 21, TAIJIN MARU, Jap. str., 820, T. Ogata, Swatow 20th Dec, General—M. B. KAISHA.

Dec. 21, BENLARIO, British str., 1,452, Krobbe, Moji 15th Dec, Coal—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Dec. 21, DEIMA, German str., 734, Christiansen, Cebu 18th Dec, General—SIEMSEN & CO.

Dec. 21, TIGER, Norwegian str., 2,116, H. Wold, Kutchinoten 15th Dec, Coal—M. B. KAISHA.

Dec. 21, CARTHAGE, British hospital ship, 5,197, J. B. Leander, n.m., Calcutta 8th Dec.

Dec. 21, ALEXANDRE, Amr. transport, 1,912, Nickles, Manila 15th Dec.

Dec. 21, KAISERIN AUGUSTA, German cruiser, 6,000, Tingtun 17th Dec.

Dec. 21, SINGAN, British str., 1,053, F. Jamieson, Shanghai 18th Dec, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE, 21st DECEMBER.

Sambha, German str., for Yokohama.

Achao, French str., for Fakhil.

Shankung, British str., for Sourabaya.

Yasuta Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.

Thiang, British str., for Chiofo.

Chura, German str., for Hoihow.

Titegami Maru, Japanese str., for Moji.

Helios, Norwegian str., for Hongkong.

Wuhu, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 21, CLARA, German str., for Hoihow.

Dec. 21, HELIOS, Norwegian str., for Hongkong.

Dec. 21, YAWATA MARU, Japanese str., for Yokohama.

Dec. 21, TATEGAMI MARU, Jap. str., for Moji.

Dec. 21, TAKSANG, British str., for Chiofo.

Dec. 21, WUHU, British str., for Canton.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ARNDT'S DOCK—Wittgenberg, Fulwood.

KOWLOON DOCK—Tartar, Clara, H.M.S. Otter, H.M.S. Sandpiper, S.M.S. Weisenburg, Talley, Duke of Fife, Telamachus.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Argyll, Phranang.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Benlario, from Moji 15th Dec., had light wind and smooth seas throughout.

The British steamer Stigan, from Shanghai 18th Dec., had first part light wind from N. to N.E. and clear weather to port.

The Japanese steamer Eikawa Maru, from Moji 15th Dec., had overcast and hazy weather and N.W. fresh breeze with moderate sea.

The British hospital ship Carthage, from Calcutta 8th Dec., had fine weather from Calcutta to Straits; strong monsoon and squally with considerable sea up China Sea.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR WLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Belgian Steamship

"CHARLES ROGIER."

Captain Herfurth, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSEN & CO. Hongkong, 20th Dec, 1900. [3220]

FOR SHANGHAI

THE Steamship

"ELSE."

Captain Peterson, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSEN & CO. Hongkong, 19th Dec, 1900. [3206]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR HAIPHONG.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG." Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 20th Dec, 1900. [3221]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG." Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, is fitted throughout with Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 18th Dec, 1900. [3200]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINKIANG." Captain Vaughan, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 20th Dec, 1900. [3196]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES." Captain Hobson, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 20th Dec, 1900. [3212]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR." Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 17th Dec, 1900. [3188]

FOR SHANGHAI

THE Steamship

"LOONGMOON." Captain Knoop, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 22nd inst., at 5 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LTD., Agents. Hongkong, 19th Dec, 1900. [3103]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIJIN MARU." Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 23rd Dec, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MIYOSU BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents. Hongkong, 17th Dec, 1900. [315]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA

IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing
VICTORIA.	3,502	J. Panton	December 28
QUEEN ADELAIDE.	2,892	F. McNair	January 4
GOODWIN.	4,421	A. Jackson	January 18
OLYMPIA.	2,837	J. Truebridge	February 1

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

Excellent accommodation. First class Tables. Doctor and STEWARDESSE carried. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES. HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £48.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent: two trans-continental trains daily from Tacoma; Dining Car is attached to trans-continental trains day and night; TACOMA to NEW YORK in 4 1/2 days. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA AND TACOMA, £35. The best route to the Klamath, Gold Fields. Frequent sailings from VICTORIA and TACOMA to DYER and St. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. A Special rate allowed to members of Government Service.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to BODWELL & CO. LIMITED, General Agents. Hongkong, 21st Dec, 1900. [110]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	CLYDE	Noon, 22nd	See Special Advertisement.
	A. L. Valentini	Dec.	
SHANGHAI	CHUSAN	About 24th	Freight or Passage.
	G. D. Bennett, R.N.R.	Dec.	
SHANGHAI AND JAPAN	JAVA	About 25th	Freight or Passage.
	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	Dec.	
SHANGHAI	PENINSULAR	About 5th	Freight or Passage.
	T. Leigh	Jan., 1901.	

PASSENGER SEASON, 1901.

a.s. PLASSY a. 7,340 tons March 30th) MARSEILLES AND LONDON DIRECT

a.s. SOBRAON 7,382 tons April 27th) Without Transshipment.

For Further Particulars, apply to

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent

Hongkong, 22nd Dec, 1900. [1]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD

(FREIGHT SERVICE.) (FREIGHT SERVICE.)

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA. Ports in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALIC Ports, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ARAGONIA	HAVE & HAMBURG VIA COLOMBO (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	Neon, 24th; December; Freight.
WITTENBERG	HAVE & HAMBURG (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	About 30th; December; Freight.
SAMBIA	HAVE & HAMBURG (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	About 12th; Jan., 1901; Freight.
SILESIA	HAVE & HAMBURG (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	About 22nd; Jan., 1901; Freight and Passage.
SIBIRIA	HAVE & HAMBURG (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	About 5th; Feb., 1901; Freight and Passage.

These steamers have superior accommodation for passengers and carry a doctor and a stewardess.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, etc., apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, OBER-ELBISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST. Hongkong, 17th Dec, 1900. [19]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY. Twin Screw Steamships—8,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPEROR OF CHINA... Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 16th Jan., 1901.

EMPEROR OF INDIA... Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 13th Feb., 1901.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN... Comdr. H. Pybas, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar., 1901.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent from THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL KATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Pedder's Street,

Hongkong, 20th Dec, 1900.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KANAGAWA MARU	NAGASAKI, SASEBO, KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	SATURDAY, 22nd Dec., at 4 p.m.
KINSHU MARU	SHANGHAI, KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA (Taking Cargo and Passengers for CANADA and UNITED STATES, transshipping at KOBÉ per s.s. Tosa Maru, sailing thence 4th January)	SATURDAY, 22nd Dec., at 4 p.m.
SHINANO MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 28th Dec., at DAYLIGHT.
ROSETTA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 28th Dec., at 4 p.m.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, First Floor, Charter Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd Dec, 1900. [12]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL

LONDON	CLYDE	Bartlett	25th Dec, 1900.
LONDON	ACHILLES	Brown	8th Jan., 1901.
LONDON	RHIPPUS	Day	22nd Jan., 1901.
LIVERPOOL	DARDANUS	Steeves	12th Jan.,

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"CLYDE,"

Captain A. L. Volantini, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 22nd December, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1900. [1]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain Blaxland, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for Passengers and is fitted throughout with the Electric Light.

A doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [194]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIE VALERIE,"

will leave for the above places on MONDAY, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1900. [6]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU,"

Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 26th December, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1900. [1443]

COMPAGNIE DE NAVIGATION TONKINOISE.

FOR QUANG TRACH, WAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI AND HEPHONG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for HANOI, NAM-DINH, DAI-NH, VIENTIANE, YEN-BAY, LAOKAY and other Provinces of Tonkin.)

THE Steamship

"HUE,"

Captain Godinau, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst., at 10 A.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Cabins and Saloon are situated above the main deck amidships and special attention has been paid to ventilation which renders the Saloon delightfully cool in Summer.

The Saloon and Cabins are lighted throughout by Electricity.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. R. MARTY, 2, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1900. [3218]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Outbridge, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3228]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, FUEME AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZIL, to SOUTH AFRICA, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, MALTA, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA,"

Captain F. Meier, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th inst., at 5 p.m.

Silk and Valuables are transhipped on arrival at Bombay into an accelerated liner.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [6]

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.'S NEW YORK LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"DEVONSHIRE,"

will be despatched for the above port on or about the 5th January, 1901.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [2358]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... FRIDAY, Dec. 28, at NOON.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... TUESDAY, Jan. 22, 1901, at NOON.

CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... THURS., Feb. 14, 1901, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship, "CHINA,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU ON FRIDAY, the 28th December, at NOON.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco; to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3]

OREGON AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG TO PORTLAND (OR.) AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

TAKING CARGO TO JAPAN PORTS, THE UNITED STATES, AND CANADA.

THE Steamship

"ADATO,"

2,145, Captain J. McIntyre, will be despatched on or about 30th Dec. for PORTLAND (OR.) VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States and Canada.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be accepted at the Office of the Undersigned until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full.

Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to points beyond Portland (Or.), should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, Portland (Or.).

For further information as to Freight rates, &c., apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1900. [2365]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR FOCHOV VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"AKASHI MARU,"

Captain K. Suzuki, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd January, 1901.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1900. [2524]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with the SOUTH AFRICAN STEAMSHIP CO.'S fortnightly service line to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for Cape Town every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1897.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN PORTS AND HONOLULU.

THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

S.S. "BERGENHUS"..... On 30th Dec.

THE Steamship "BERGENHUS" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 30th December.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [14]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, &c.

ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 31st December, 1900, at 1 p.m., the Company's Steamship "OCEANEN," Captain Schuler, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. *Ville de la Ciotat*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that port on the 12th January, 1901, direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 30th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [2]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE Company's Steamship

"TARTAR,"

Captain G. D. Bowles, R.N.R., will leave Hongkong on or about MONDAY, the 31st December, 1900.

For VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER, B.C. (via INLAND SEA, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA).

Making close connection at Vancouver with the Canadian Pacific Railway for all points in Eastern Canada, the United States and Europe.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [3168]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 6th January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [3183]

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FOR QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

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N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [3184]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. II British Bark

"R. MORROW,"

Captain Douglas, having arrived, is now loading here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1900. [288]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, Jan. 5, 1901, at NOON.

CORPIS (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... TUESDAY, Jan. 29, 1901, at NOON.

GARLIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, Feb. 23, 1901, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "DORIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 5th January, 1901, at NOON.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1900. [4]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, Jan. 12, 1901, at NOON.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... THURSDAY, Feb. 7, 1901, at NOON.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, Mar. 2, 1901, at NOON.

THE Twin-Screw Steamship

"NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND HONOLULU, on SATUR

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—The Post Office will be closed on Monday, the 24th inst., Tuesday (Xmas Day), and Wednesday, the 26th inst., except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 5 p.m. The Night Box will be kept open.

For the purpose of delivering Xmas parcels coming by the S.S. Chusan, the Registration Branch will be kept open on Monday, the 24th inst., until Noon.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on these days.

The Chusan, with the French and English Mails, sailed 16th and 23rd November respectively, left Singapore on Monday, the 17th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow. This Packet brings letters to be despatched from Hongkong on 15th and 22nd October respectively.

The Doric, with the American Mail of the 26th ult., left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 10th inst. at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 27th inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Moji, San Diego and San Francisco	Caroline City	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Haiphong	Haiphong	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow	Swatow	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Shanghai	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore	Singapore	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang	Singapore	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Manila	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tutuorin	Europe, &c., India via Tutuorin	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
Saigon	Saigon	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Yokohama and Kobe	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
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Yokohama	Yokohama	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Kamohuk and Samahui	Kamohuk and Samahui	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Canton	Canton	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Macao	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
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Singapore and Colombo	Singapore and Colombo	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy and Manila	Amoy and Manila	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Macao	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Canton	Canton	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Kamohuk and Samahui	Kamohuk and Samahui	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Macao	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Canton	Canton	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy and Manila	Amoy and Manila	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco	Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the Mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
Kobe, Yokohama, San Diego and San Francisco	Kobe, Yokohama, San Diego and San Francisco	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tutuorin	Europe, &c., India via Tutuorin	Saturday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		

TO-DAY.

Sale, Goods and Effects, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co., noon.

Sale, Furniture, Robinson Road, Kowloon, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2 p.m.

Spoon Competition, Hongkong Rifle Association, 2.45 p.m.

Sale, Leasehold Properties, Auction Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 3 p.m.

Performance by the Taylor-Carrington Co., 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Catholic Union Bazaar, on the Grounds of the Roman Catholic Orphanage, 3 to 8 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FRIDAY, 21st December.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	2/04
	Bank Bills, on demand	2/04
	Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	2/11
	Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	2/14
	Credits, at 4 months sight	2/17 ¹ / ₂
	Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	2/17 ¹ / ₂
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	2.60 ³ / ₄
	Credits, at 4 months sight	2.66
ON GERMANY.—	On demand	2.12
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	50 ¹ / ₂
	Credits, 60 days sight	51 ¹ / ₂
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer	154 ¹ / ₂
	Bank, on demand	154 ¹ / ₂
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	154 ¹ / ₂
	Bank, on demand	154 ¹ / ₂
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	71 ¹ / ₂
	Private, 30 days sight	72 ¹ / ₂
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	2 p.c. dis.
ON MANILA.—	On demand	1 p.c. dis.
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	1 p.c. pm.
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	124 ¹ / ₂
ON HAI PHONG.—	On demand	2 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand	1 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	60
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate		95 ¹ / ₂
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola		49.75
BAR SILVER, per oz		29 ¹ / ₂

OPIUM.

Quotations are:—	Allow 1/2 net, to 1 catty.
Malwa New	8900 to 8910 per picul.
Malwa Old	8820 to 8830
Malwa Older	8840 to —
P. P. wrapped	8850 to —
Persian fine quality	8870 to 8920
Persian extra fine	to —
Patna New	8874 to — per catty.
Patna Old	to —
Banars New	8875 to —
Banars Old	to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer Chusan left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst. at 4 p.m. with the outward English mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 8 a.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China steamer Chusan, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, 18th inst., at 5 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. steamer Doric, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 28th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 20th inst., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German Mail steamer Preussen, with the German mails with dates from the 26th inst., left Colombo on Saturday,

day, the 15th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 28th inst.

The C. P. & O. steamer Empress of China arrived at Kobe at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 20th inst., and left again at midnight same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 2 a.m. on Monday, the 24th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Maria Valeria, left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 15th inst., p.m.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Giela left Kobe for this port on the 18th inst. at daylight.

The P. & O. steamer Java left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst. at 1 p.m.

The C. & O. steamer Berginius left Moji on the 19th inst. for Hongkong, and is due here on the 24th inst.

The E. & A. steamer Gulliver, from Sydney, etc., left Port Darwin on the 21st inst. for Manilla and this port.

The N. Y. K. steamer Rosetta Maru (Australasian Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 18th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.

The N. Y. K. steamer Shinano Maru (European Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 19th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 26th inst.

The N. Y. K. steamer Kagoshima Maru (Bombay Line) left Bombay via ports for this port on the 13th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 23rd inst.

STAMEN PASSED THE CANAL.
OUTWARD.—6th Nov.—Palmyra, Nauru, Shiraz, 9th Nov.—Izmir, 13th Nov.—Fiume, 20th Nov.—Melbourne, 23rd Nov.—Jeddah, 27th Nov.—Aden, 30th Nov.—Acapulco, 3rd Dec.—Panama, 6th Dec.—Colon, 10th Dec.—Ancon, 13th Dec.—Santo Domingo, 16th Dec.—Sanchez, 19th Dec.—Santiago, 22nd Dec.—Santiago, 25th Dec.—Santiago, 28th Dec.—Santiago, 31st Dec.—Santiago, 3rd Jan.—Santiago, 6th Jan.—Santiago, 9th Jan.—Santiago, 12th Jan.—Santiago, 15th Jan.—Santiago, 18th Jan.—Santiago, 21st Jan.—Santiago, 24th Jan.—Santiago, 27th Jan.—Santiago, 30th Jan.—Santiago, 31st Jan.—Santiago, 1st Feb.—Santiago, 4th Feb.—Santiago, 7th Feb.—Santiago, 10th Feb.—Santiago, 13th Feb.—Santiago, 16th Feb.—Santiago, 19th Feb.—Santiago, 22nd Feb.—Santiago, 25th Feb.—Santiago, 28th Feb.—Santiago, 31st Feb.—Santiago, 3rd Mar.—Santiago, 6th Mar.—Santiago, 9th Mar.—Santiago, 12th Mar.—Santiago, 15th Mar.—Santiago, 18th Mar.—Santiago, 21st Mar.—Santiago, 24th Mar.—Santiago, 27th Mar.—Santiago, 30th Mar.—Santiago, 31st Mar.—Santiago, 1st 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